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REMARKS

The Office Action mailed March 24, 2004, has been carefully reviewed and Applicants note with appreciation the identification of allowed subject matter.

By this Amendment, claims 2, 5, 10-13 and 15-20 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-20 remain pending in the application. Claims 1 and 17 are independent.

The Examiner rejected claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10-13, and 15-20 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, but stated that these claims would be allowable if amended to overcome such rejection. Claims 1, 4, 6, 9 and 14 are allowed.

By this Amendment, Applicants have corrected the informalities identified by the Examiner, while noting that claims 7 and 8 have not been amended in view of the proper antecedents contained therein and/or in the underlying base claim. Accordingly, claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10-13, and 15-20 are in condition for allowance in accordance with the Examiner's identification of allowable subject matter.

With this amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance in accordance with the Examiner's identification of allowed subject matter.

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As a final matter, Applicants did not receive an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 as filed on December 1, 2003, and, in that the reference to Grahl included thereon is not included in the Examiner's PTO-892, Applicants request an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 confirming the Examiner's consideration thereof. Also, in paragraph 19 of the Office Action, the Examiner included a patent to "Frazier" in the summary of other prior art patents considered pertinent. As Applicants did not receive a copy of this patent and Frazier is not listed on the Examiner's PTO-892, Applicants request that the patent number thereof be provided for the record.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the present application can receive an early Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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